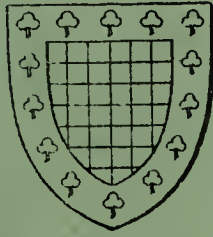


BOROUGH OF



GRANTHAM

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the Health of the Borough*

for the Year

1963

BY THE

Medical Officer of Health

TO WHICH IS APPENDED THE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

Chief Public Health Inspector

BOROUGH OF GRANTHAM

HEALTH COMMITTEE

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Medical Officer of Health :

C. W. SHEARER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector :

C. TAYLOR, (a), (b), (c), (d)

Additional Public Health Inspector :

A. CLOUGH, (a), (b)

- (a) Holds Certificate of Royal Society of Health or of Examination Joint Board as Public Health Inspector.
- (b) Holds Certificate of Royal Society of Health as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.
- (c) Holds Certificate of Royal Society of Health as Smoke Inspector.
- (d) Holds Certificate of Royal Society of Health for Sanitary Science.

BOROUGH OF GRANTHAM

STATISTICS

Population (Census 1961 Preliminary Report) ..	25,030
Population (Mid-year estimate)	25,420
Area of Borough	3,868 acres
Rateable Valuation (1st April, 1963)	£337,015
Sum represented by a penny rate (year ending 31st March, 1963)	£1,362

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	207	215	422
Illegitimate	12	16	28
Live Birth rate per 1,000 population ..			17.7
Corrected Live Birth Rate			18.9 (18.2)
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total population			6.2 (6.9)
STILL BIRTHS	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	4	2	6
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births ..			13.1 (17.2)
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS ..			
INFANT MORTALITY	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	6	5	11
Legitimate	6	5	11
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Deaths of Infants under four weeks ..	4	2	6
Deaths of Infants under one week ..	3	2	5
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births			24.4 (21.1)
Legitimate			26.0
Illegitimate			—
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births			13.3 (14.2)
Early Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births			11.1
Peri-natal mortality rate			24.1 (29.3)
MATERNAL MORTALITY		<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Deaths from Maternal causes			0
Maternal deaths per 1,000 total births ..			0 (0.28)
DEATHS	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number of deaths	156	142	298
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population ..			11.7
Corrected (for age and sex) death rate ..			11.7 (12.2)

Figures in brackets are average for England and Wales

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

16, St. Peter's Hill,
Grantham.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Grantham.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health, vital statistics and sanitary conditions of the Borough for the year 1963.

The Infant Mortality rate was higher than last year, but this is probably not significant. As can be seen from the Table, the majority of Infant deaths were due to prematurity and congenital malformation.

The Borough remained free of Poliomyelitis. Unfortunately there were two deaths due to Tuberculosis, after a period of three years with no death due to this cause. The complete eradication of Tuberculosis will clearly be a long and difficult task.

Two cases of Dysentery were reported, but none of food poisoning or of the typhoid-paratyphoid group. Some outbreaks of Typhoid Fever did occur in other parts of England and I must emphasise that the strictest attention must be paid to food hygiene and to personal cleanliness if these intestinal infections are to be prevented.

Lung Cancer continued to take its toll, though the number of deaths ascribed to this cause was fewer than in some previous years. This was offset by an unusually large number of deaths due to Bronchitis, a disease which is certainly aggravated, and probably largely caused, by smoking. It is remarkable that both the Government and the national press worked themselves into a state of great excitement over "purple hearts" — yet both appear to be quite indifferent to the menace of a far more dangerous drug of addiction — tobacco.

The aged man removed to an Institution in August, 1962 under the compulsory powers provided by Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, continued to be detained until his death in July, 1963.

The following paragraphs are included by direction of the Ministry of Health.

Water Supply : (Provided by Kesteven Water Board)

This is adequate in quantity and satisfactory in quality. Twenty-one samples were taken from the Town mains and found to be satisfactory on bacteriological examination. The raw water is

sampled by the Water Board's officials. No chemical analysis was made during 1963. An estimate of fluoride content carried out for the Water Board gave a figure of 0.05 part per million. No evidence of plumbo-solvent action is known. No action was required in respect of contamination. All houses in the Borough are supplied with water direct from mains, except for a very few which are supplied from shallow wells.

Public Swimming Baths :

There are two open-air Public Swimming Baths in the Borough, in Dysart Park and Wyndham Park (these are open only in the summer). Both are filled with water taken from the River Witham. The water is filtered and chlorinated, and is pumped through continuously. Eight bacteriological samples were taken, four from each bath, and all were satisfactory.

Sewerage :

The Sewage from the Borough is disposed of at the Borough Sewage Farm, Marston, about five miles away, the effluent passing into the River Witham. The system is adequate in that it provides sewage disposal by water carriage for almost the whole town.

Common Lodging Houses : There are none in the town.

A comprehensive account of the Department's work in the field of housing, food hygiene and other environmental matters, follows in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

I have to thank all members of the Council, colleagues in other departments, and all in the Public Health Department, for their continued interest, courtesy, and unfailing help throughout the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

CHARLES W. SHEARER.

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DEATHS

Notifications received during the year

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	3	—	—
Pneumonia	18	—	—
Measles	479	—	—
Encephalitis	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	3	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Anterior Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Erysipelas	2	—	—
Dysentery	2	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	3	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—
Meningococcal Meningitis	—	—	—
Total	510	3	—

Age Distribution of the Notified Infectious Diseases

	Not known	Under 1	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10—	15—	20—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65 and over	Total
Scarlet Fever	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Pneumonia	8	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	2	18
Measles	13	11	35	52	70	70	216	9	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	479
Encephalitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Diphtheria ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Anterior Poliomyelitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Erysipelas	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2
Dysentery	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3
Paratyphoid Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Food Poisoning ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Meningococcal ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Total	25	12	36	52	70	72	220	10	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	510

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1963	Male	Female
All causes	156	142
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	1
Syphilitic disease	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	6	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	12	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	16	13
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	—
Diabetes	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	20	27
Coronary disease, angina	28	9
Hypertension with heart disease	—	2
Other heart disease	14	24
Other circulatory disease	6	11
Influenza	—	2
Pneumonia	8	6
Bronchitis	20	11
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	4
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	—
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	—
Nephritis and nephrosis	—	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—
Congenital malformations	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	18
Motor vehicle accidents	2	1
All other accidents	3	—
Suicide	4	—
Homicide and operations of war	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Groups	Deaths during 1963				New cases during 1963			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0— 1 year ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
5—15 years ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
15—25 years ..	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
25—35 years ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45 years ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
45—55 years ..	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
55—65 years ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
65 and over ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not known ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ..	1	—	—	1	6	1	1	1

INFANT DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES

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CAUSE OF DEATHS	Under one day	1—7 days	1—4 weeks	Total Under 4 weeks	1—3 Months	3—12 Months	Total Under 1 Year
Premature Birth	1	1	—	2	—	—	2
Malformation	1	1	1	3	2	—	5
Birth Injuries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia & Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
Enteritis & Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Causes	—	1	—	1	—	1	2
TOTAL	2	3	1	6	3	2	11

DEATHS FROM CANCER

	Cancer of :						
	Breast	Stomach	Lung, Bronchus	Uterus	All other sites	Total	Rate per 1,000 population
Male	—	6	12	—	16	34	
Female	2	3	2	3	13	23	
Total	2	9	14	3	29	57	2.3

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 — ANNUAL REPORT OF M.O.H.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	No Mechanical Power			
	17	10	—	—
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	Mechanical Power			
	127	157	22	—
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers) ...	—	—	—	—
Total ...	144	167	22	—

Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	6	4	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floor ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	22	16	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including those relating to Outwork) Section 9	—	—	—	—	—
Total ..	28	20	—	—	—

OUTWORKERS

The number of Outworkers in the August List required by Section 110 (1) (c) (2) for making, etc., of Wearing Apparel is ten.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

NURSING IN THE HOME

Home nursing and domiciliary midwifery is carried out by the District Nurses. Arrangements are made through family doctors or through the office at 40, Westgate.

HOME HELPS

Help for cases of illness and maternity cases is provided through the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, 40, Westgate.

GENERAL HOSPITALS

The Grantham General Hospital and the Hillview Hospital, Dysart Road, cater for the needs of the area.

MATERNITY HOSPITALS

Maternity accommodation is provided at the above two hospitals.

ISOLATION HOSPITALS

There is no Isolation Hospital in the immediate neighbourhood, accommodation when required has to be sought in neighbouring areas.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITALS

Sanatorium treatment for cases requiring it is arranged by the Regional Hospital Board, who are now responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

(a) PROVIDED BY THE KESTEVEN COUNTY COUNCIL :

Child Welfare :

The Clinic, 40 Westgate—three clinics weekly, doctor in attendance Tuesday afternoon. Methodist Church Hall, Harrowby Lane—clinic every Wednesday afternoon, doctor in attendance thrice a month. The Clinic, Beaconfield—clinic every Thursday afternoon, doctor in attendance once a month, also Mothercraft Clinic every Monday afternoon.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, and Tetanus Immunisation :

At the Westgate Child Welfare Clinic on Tuesday afternoons, also Beaconfield Clinic first Thursday afternoon in the month. Free immunisation can also be arranged with family doctors.

School Clinics :

Beaconfield. Minor ailments daily 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Doctor in attendance Tuesday, 9.30 a.m. Specialist services by appointment.

Day Nursery :

The Day Nursery, St. Catherine's Road, provides for children of working parents.

(b) PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY :

Tuberculosis :

Sessions are held by the Chest Physician in the Grantham Hospital Out-Patients' Department, on Monday morning and Thursday afternoon.

Venereal Diseases :

Sessions are held in the Out-Patients' Department of the Grantham Hospital on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., and on Fridays (males only) from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

(c) FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION :

Beaconfield Clinic, second Tuesday of month, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and fourth Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.

LABORATORY FACILITIES :

Bacteriological investigations are amply provided for by the Public Health Laboratory, St. Anne's Road, Lincoln. All necessary chemical analyses are done by the Public Analyst, Nottingham.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Grantham.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the Annual Report upon the environmental health services for the year 1963.

Each year the duties of the department seem to increase, and the past year was no exception. New legislation such as the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act and the Meat Inspection Regulations were introduced and will call for a considerable amount of extra work and I am pleased to record that the Council agreed at the end of the year to the appointment of a further additional Inspector.

Statistics and comments given under the various headings indicate the nature and extent of work carried out during 1963.

WATER SUPPLY

The Kesteven Water Board is responsible for distribution of water throughout the Borough, and its Engineer, Mr. I. G. Smith, has kindly supplied information that there was no shortage of water during the past year and no restrictions were imposed on the use of water, also the method of treatment remains as before, viz., pre-chlorination, sedimentation, filtration and final chloramination.

Twenty one samples of water taken from the town mains were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Lincoln for bacteriological examination and reported to be satisfactory.

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

The refuse collection service operated smoothly throughout the year, a weekly service being maintained in spite of the constantly increasing number of houses to be serviced; there were no labour difficulties and your employees engaged on this work were quite conscientious in maintaining their daily schedules of work irrespective of weather conditions. No complaints were received and the only criticism one could make is the method employed for removal of refuse, viz., the skip system which does of course give rise to dust dissemination; because of extremely 'long carries' in Grantham any alternative method would be more costly but I hope the Council will some time in the near future, again give consideration to the possib-

ility of introducing the paper sack system for refuse storage and collection.

All refuse was again disposed of at the Sudbrook Tip which will meet our needs for some time to come.

Recovery of waste paper and cardboard was continued but once again sales and output were restricted to the limited quantity which could be accepted by the contractor purchasing this material.

Tonnage of salvage materials sold was as follows :—

	T.	cwt.	qrs.
Mixed Waste Paper and Cardboard..	230	16	0
Rags, Woollens and Sacking.. ..	4	0	1
Scrap Iron, Non Ferrous Metals, Tins, Tyres and Accumulators ..	8	10	1
	<hr/> 243	<hr/> 6	<hr/> 2

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Two hundred and forty-eight visits were made in connection with the alteration or reconstruction of drainage systems; this branch of our work has definitely increased now that more bathrooms and indoor toilets are being installed with the aid of Improvement Grants.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

The problem of dealing with itinerant dwellers became more acute during the past year than ever before. Gypsies and scrap metal merchants created nuisance when coming into the town for short periods by defiling and littering various unmade public highways such as Cold Harbour Lane, Kitty Briggs Lane and Sheepwash Lane. Valuable time is taken up dealing with this type of nuisance to which there appears no immediate satisfactory solution. Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circular 6/62 addressed to County Councils was given consideration at a joint meeting of local authority in this area in December, 1962 and it was considered that a caravan site with 16 standings was desirable and that it should be located if possible at Alma Park, but no further action had been taken at the end of the year under review. A solution to this problem should be sought as soon as possible.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The undermentioned summary indicates the extent of work

carried out during the year.

	Council property	Dwelling property	Business property	Total
No. of properties surveyed	1	420	109	530
No. found to be infested with rats or mice ...	1	186	47	234
No. treated for rats or mice	1	186	47	234
No. of visits made for the purpose of treating properties	3	558	141	702

Treatment of sewers was carried out twice during the year.

From 22.4.63 to 3.5.63			From 25.9.63 to 4.10.63		
No. of manholes pre-baited with sausage rusk	173		No. of manholes treated with Warfarin	201	
No. found to be infested ..	38		No. found to be infested ..	30	
No. of pre-baits laid	211				
No. of manholes poison baited with arsenious oxide ..	38				

RENT ACT, 1957

One application for a Certificate of Disrepair was received, but repairs were immediately carried out after the landlord had received a Notice from the Council that such a Certificate would be issued.

RAG, FLOCK AND OTHER MATERIALS ACT, 1951

Materials submitted for analysis under the above Act were :—

- 1 sample of Layered Flock.
- 1 sample of Paper Backed Felt.
- 1 sample of Washed Woollen Mixture Flock.
- 1 sample of Cotton Linters.

All were reported upon by the Analyst as complying with the Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Regulations 1951.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

In view of the pressure of other work and the impending new legislation relating to shops, very few inspections were made to note compliance or otherwise with the provisions of Section 38.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963

This Act, which does not come into operation until 1st January, 1964 provides that no person shall keep a boarding establishment for animals except under the authority of a licence granted in accordance with the provisions of the Act. The duty of administering the Act was placed upon the Health Committee and your Public Health Inspectors were authorised to carry out any inspections of premises. A list of suggested conditions for inserting in Licences issued under the Act was drafted and approved by the Committee.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Details of inspections made and defects found are tabulated on page 8.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Complaints dealt with during the year of nuisance arising from noise, included chimes on ice cream vans, barking dogs, dance band rehearsals in the evening, an exhaust fan to a fish frying range, and the flying of model aircraft. All were dealt with informally but much time was spent outside normal working hours investigating and confirming the complaints.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

No further smoke control areas came into operation during the year, the date of operation of the Harrowby No. 2 Smoke Control Order having been deferred until 1st May, 1964 following representations by the Local Coal Merchants' Association. Earlesfield No. 2 Smoke Control Order was awaiting confirmation by the Minister; this Order covers 285 acres containing 250 houses, 2 schools, 1 factory and an Army Ordnance Depot.

Several smoke observations were made of factory chimneys, and no action was found necessary.

Complaints were received of excessive smoke and fumes from a cupola stack and the firm was requested to take all practicable steps to minimize this nuisance.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION OF THE AREA

NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS MADE
DURING 1963

Complaints reported to the Public Health Department	..	348
Inspection of dwellings where nuisances were found	..	172
Inspection of other premises where nuisances were found	..	48
Inspection of premises upon complaint where no nuisances were found	.. .. .	51
Re-visits to properties under notice or work in progress	...	935
Inspection of houses (Housing Act, 1957)	.. ..	17
Re-inspection of houses (Housing Act, 1957)	.. ..	109
Visits in connection with overcrowding	.. ..	5
Houses measured up for 'Permitted Numbers'	.. ..	—
Visits in connection with Improvements Grants	.. ..	120
Housing Survey visits	.. .. .	54
Visits in connection with Drainage of premises	.. ..	248
New Drains Tested	.. .. .	94
Old Drains Tested	.. .. .	15
Visits to Bakehouses	.. .. .	34
„ „ dairies and milk shops	.. .. .	65
„ „ ice-cream premises	.. .. .	75
„ „ miscellaneous foodstores and food preparing rooms		270
„ „ factories (with mechanical power)	.. ..	157
„ „ factories (with no mechanical power)	.. ..	10
„ „ outworkers' premises	.. .. .	—
„ „ fried fish shops	.. .. .	43
„ „ markets, shops and stalls	.. .. .	38
„ „ offensive trade premises	.. .. .	2
„ „ dwelling vans and revisits	.. .. .	34
„ „ verminous premises	.. .. .	5
„ „ rat infested lands and premises	.. .. .	25
„ „ cafes and cafe kitchens	.. .. .	125
„ „ cinemas and places of public entertainment	.. .. .	6
Visits in connection with Rent Act 1957	.. .. .	4
Visits to shops (Shops Act, 1950, Section 38)	.. .. .	10
„ „ slaughterhouse	.. .. .	476

Visits to meat purveyors and cooked food or 'making-up' premises	79
Visits in connection with smoke abatement	88
„ „ „ „ refuse collection and disposal ..	84
„ „ „ „ infectious disease and suspected food poisoning and revisits ..	34
Inspection of licensed premises	116
Number of interviews with builders or owners, etc.	333
„ „ samples of water taken for analysis	22
„ „ statutory notices served	11
Visits in connection with proposed Smoke Control Areas ...	496
„ „ „ „ Noise Nuisance	13
Miscellaneous visits	94

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD MILK SUPPLY.

(a) THE MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1959.

Milk Distributors :—

Number on Register at 1st January, 1963	...	...	53
Number on Register at 31st December, 1963	...	...	53
Number of Distributors' Licences issued	...	...	5

Dairy Premises :—

Number on Register at 1st January, 1963	...	...	1
Number on Register at 31st December, 1963	...	...	1

(b) THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1960

Number of samples of Pasteurised Milk taken	...	...	45
Number found to be satisfactory	...	...	45
Number of samples of Sterilised Milk taken	...	...	1
Number found to be satisfactory	...	...	1
Number of samples of Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised Milk taken	...	...	42
Number found to be satisfactory	...	...	41

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

(a) SAMPLES OF FOOD

The Kesteven County Council is the 'food and drugs authority' and the Chief County Weights & Measures Inspector, Mr. E. T. Hawley, has kindly supplied information on the number of samples of food taken in Grantham in 1963. These were as follows :—

Almonds, ground	..	2	Ice Cream	..	..	5	
Beverages	..	..	3	Jelly, table	..	..	1
Biscuits	..	..	1	Margarine	..	..	5
Blackcurrant Syrup	..	3	Meat Paste	..	..	2	
Butter	..	..	2	Milk	..	..	25
Butter Sweets	..	..	2	Pepper	..	..	1
Cheeses	..	..	2	Pickle, picalilli	..	..	1
Cherry Brandy	..	..	2	Pork Pie	..	..	1
Cream	..	..	3	Potato Crisps	..	..	1
Food Colour	..	..	1	Preserves	..	..	6
Food Flavour	..	..	1	Rice	..	..	1
Fruit, tinned	..	..	2	Sausages	..	..	3
Drugs	..	..	2	Soft Drinks	..	..	7
Fruit, Dried	..	..	1	Soups, tinned	..	..	1
Horseradish Cream	..	1	Stewed steak, tinned	..	..	1	

TOTAL 89

(b) MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF ICE CREAM

Routine samples of ice cream were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory as usual, and results are given below; most of the ice cream sold is manufactured and pre-packed by well known firms and storage facilities in retail shops are satisfactory; there is only one manufacturer of ice cream in the Borough and samples taken of this ice cream were satisfactory.

	Manu- facture and Sale of Ice Cream	Sale of Loose Ice Cream	Sale of Pre-Packed Ice Cream
Premises registered 1st Jan. 1963	1	2	81
Premises registered during the year	—	—	4
Registrations cancelled due to cessation of business ...	—	—	14
Premises registered 31st Dec. 1963	1	2	71

Seventy-nine samples of ice cream were taken and as indicated below, the results were very satisfactory :—

Results of Bacteriological Samples (Methylene Blue Test) :—

Number Classified in Grade 1 .. 70

Number Classified in Grade 2 .. 9

Total number of samples taken .. 79

INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES

Inspection of premises selling, storing or preparing food is a constant duty, new traders and new employees must be made aware of the Regulations applicable to them and a great deal of time is spent in so doing. In particular an inspection was made of all licenced premises; in many instances it was found that overspill beer was being returned to the barrel for resale and that smoking by persons engaged behind the bar was fairly common. A circular letter was sent to the Brewery Companies and all licencees drawing attention to these unhygienic practices and this action was endorsed by your Health Committee.

Contraventions found and improvements made at food premises are listed hereunder :—

Number of premises or vans without hand basin or hot water supply	18
Number of food premises where food was so placed as to involve risk of contamination	7
Number of premises requiring cleansing and redecoration ..	32
Number of premises found without soap, nail brushes and clean towels	6

Number of premises found in need of structural alterations and repairs 20

Number of premises not provided with first aid equipment.. 1

The number of various types of food premises are given below :—

Number of butchers' shops and premises registered for the preparation of sausages and meat products 29

Number of fish frying premises 13

Number of bakehouses 17

Number of wet fish premises 6

Number of cafes and snack bars 13

Number of Residential Hotels 7

Number of factory canteens and other catering premises .. 9

Number of grocery and miscellaneous stores 101

Number of licensed premises 45

Improvements Effected	Meat Purveyors and cooked meat premises	Bakehouses	Fish Frying Premises	Cafes, Factory Canteens and Hotels	Other food Shops and stores	Market Stalls	Licensed Premises	Vans	Totals
Cleansed and Redecorated	2	4	6	6	6	—	—	1	25
Sink and/or Hand Basin and/or Hot Water supply provided	—	1	2	5	3	—	—	3	14
"Wash Hands" notice provided adjacent to W.C.	—	2	2	3	—	—	—	—	7
First Aid equipment provided	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Nailbrushes, soap and towels provided	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	4
Structural alterations & repairs effected	1	—	1	4	5	—	—	—	11
Name and address displayed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
Otherwise Hygienically improved	—	2	2	6	5	—	—	1	16

Legal proceedings were taken in respect of the sale of a mouldy meat pie, the vendor being fined £10 and £5 costs.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Regular meat inspection has always been carried out in this Borough, but the Meat Inspection Regulations which came into force on 1st October, 1963 imposed upon the local authority a legal responsibility to arrange for inspection of all meat and offals at the local abattoir. Statutory procedure for inspection of carcasses and offals were laid down and all carcasses inspected and passed must be stamped in a prescribed manner. The Council decided to charge the butchers for inspection of carcasses at the maximum rate permitted by the Regulations. In order to comply with the Regulations it was necessary for an Inspector to be engaged at the abattoir for much longer periods each day than hitherto, and the appointment of an additional Public Health Inspector was essential if other duties were not to be neglected, and the Council agreed to increase the establishment of the department accordingly.

Meat inspection statistics are set out in the usual form.

	Cattle (ex. Cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1476	62	23	5,319	4,792
Number inspected	1476	62	23	5,319	4,792
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS					
Whole Carcasses condemned	2	4	8	22	12
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	263	15	3	64	327
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	17.9	30.6	47.8	1.6	7.1
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY					
Whole Carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3	—	—	2	92
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuber- culosis	0.2	—	—	.03	1.9
CYSTICERCOSIS					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was affected	36	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	6	—	—	—	—
Generalized or totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of Cysticercus Bovis	2.8	—	—	—	—

The entire carcasses and organs of the following animals were condemned for the reasons stated :—

1	Calf	..	..	Pyæmia
8	Sheep	..	..	Emaciation
1	Pig ..	..	..	Febrile
1	Cow	..	..	Jaundice
1	Pig ..	..	..	Decomposition
4	Sheep	..	..	Oedema
1	Beast	..	..	Toxaemia
1	Cow	..	..	Pyelonephritis
3	Calves	..	..	Immaturity
1	Pig ..	..	..	Moribund
1	Calf	..	..	Broken neck
1	Sheep	..	..	Uraemia
1	Calf	..	..	Emaciation
1	Sheep	..	..	Pleurisy
1	Sheep	..	..	Multiple abscesses
4	Pigs	..	..	Extensive bruising
1	Beast	..	..	Badly bruised
2	Pigs	..	..	Uraemia
1	Sheep	..	..	Smothered
1	Sheep	..	..	Septic Metritis
1	Sheep	..	..	Enteritis
1	Calf	..	..	Peritonitis
1	Pig ..	..	..	Multiple abscesses
1	Pig ..	..	..	Oedema
1	Cow	..	..	Extensive bruising
1	Pig ..	..	..	Poisoned
1	Calf	..	..	Septicaemia
2	Sheep	..	..	Septicaemia
1	Sheep	..	..	Gangrenous
1	Sheep	..	..	Moribund
1	Cow	..	..	Oedema

The entire weight of meat and offals condemned as unfit for human consumption was :— 6 tons, 10 cwts, 90 lbs., of which 14 cwts., 34 lbs., was affected with Tuberculosis.

Other miscellaneous food commodities inspected and condemned as being unfit for human consumption included :—

Jars, cans and packets of food	..	..	2,591
Bacon	..	..	7½ lbs.
Halibut	..	..	18½ lbs.
Crab ..	..	..	24 lbs.
Roast Pork	..	..	30 lbs.
Butter, lard and margarine	..	..	90 lbs.
Pork sausage	..	..	100 lbs.
Corned Beef ..	..	..	13 lbs.
Beef sausage ..	..	..	56 lbs.

Jellied veal	..	..	..	..	6	lbs.
Pigs liver	..	..	..	..	28	lbs.
Kit-Kat Chocolate	..	..	..	..	309	bars

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

The number of licensed slaughtermen on the Register at 31st December, 1963, was eleven.

HOUSING STATISTICS

Again steady progress was made with the clearance of unfit houses. Compulsory Purchase Orders in respect of Nos. 1 to 5 Mission Place, Nos. 1 to 8 Malt Hill and Nos. 1 to 5 New Street were confirmed during the year. Other houses were dealt with as follows :—

HOUSING ACT, 1957 — SECTION 16

<i>Date of Demolition Order</i>	<i>Date of Closing Order</i>	<i>Addresses</i>
31.1.63		1 Greenwoods Row
22.7.63		36, 38 Gorse Road
	22.7.63	6 New Street
22.7.63		34, 35, 36 Wharf Road
22.7.63		1, 2, 3, 4, Grantley Place
22.7.63		105, 106, 107, 108 Grantley Street
	23.9.63	2 St. Catherine's Road
	31.10.63	Basement dwelling, 3 Castlegate.

Other housing statistics of interest are as follows :—

Number of houses demolished during the year ..	34
Number of new dwellings built by the Council ..	30
Number of new dwellings built by private enterprise	126
Number of houses visited upon complaint of overcrowding	5
Number of houses found to be overcrowded ..	1
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved by the Council during the year	1
Number of families rehoused from unfit houses during the year	27
Number of dwellings demolished at Alma Park ..	55
Number of families rehoused from unfit dwellings at Alma Park during the year	30

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. TAYLOR.

